

Session 1 Intro to C

Program Entry Points (main function)

→ program is launched / executed by OS / bash shell

→ calling main: transfers control flow to the program → OS after execution

→ no parameter, int type

Return type: data type that is returned to the caller (int, void, bool...)

Identifier: name of the function (int main(void))

Parameter list: separated by comma, with its own data type

Void: no return value / no parameter ← use void to tell if no param

void ... () { } (void)

Function body: { } ← within this

return return corresponding data type to the caller (must match)

Data type:

Static typing all types must be known when program compiles

type of identifiers cannot change

Data: stored in memory as a sequence of bits (1, 0)

8 bits = one byte

4 built-in data type: int, char, bool, float

Int: 32 bit (4 bytes) between INT_MIN and Int_max (-2147483648, 2147483647)

Bool: 32 bit (4 bytes) true / false

Note: no type-based run-time errors

do not add a leading zero → evaluate as octal (base 8), 0x → hexadecimal (base 16)

Operators.

Arithmetic operator: like normal math operations (avoid using % with negative #)

Bool: || (OR) (All false = false, otherwise true) && (and) (all true = true, otherwise false) ! (not, negation)

== (double equality sign) != (not equal) <, <=, >, >= (comparison)

Precedence	Operator	Description	Associativity
1	++ --	Postfix (suffix) increment and decrement	Left-to-right
	()	Function call	
	[]	Array subscripting	
	.	Structure and union member access	
	->	Structure and union member access through pointer	
	(type) {list}	Compound literal	

2	++ --	Prefix increment and decrement	Right-to-left
	+ -	Unary plus and Unary minus	
	! ~	Logical NOT and Bitwise NOT	
	(type)	Cast	
	*	Indirection (dereference)	
	&	Address-of	
	sizeof	Size-of	
	_Alignof	Alignment requirement	

Precedence	Operator	Description	Associativity
3	* / %	Multiplication, division, and remainder	
4	+ -	Addition and subtraction	
5	&&	Logical AND	
6	< <= => >	Relational comparators	
7	== !=	Relational equality and inequality	
8	&	Bitwise AND	Left-to-right
9	^	Bitwise XOR (exclusive or)	
10		Bitwise OR (inclusive or)	
11	&&	Logical AND	
12		Logical OR	

Precedence	Operator	Description	Associativity
	=	Assignment	
	+= -=	Assignment by sum and difference	
14	*= /= %=	Assignment by product, quotient, and remainder	Right-to-left
	<<= >>=	Assignment by bitwise left shift and right shift	
	& ^ =	Assignment by bitwise AND, XOR, and OR	
15	&	Comma	Left-to-right

Conditionals:

if, else, else if if (cond) → situation 1 (else if) (cond) (situations 2) else (situations ..)

Note: if not void → all if else need return statement if necessary

if does not produce a value

(?:) produces a value

if cond true, a
q?a:b ← else b
cond

Tracing:

Tracing functions:

trace-int() trace-bool() ...

[main.c] main[8] > my-sqr(4) = 16
 file name function name Line # expression return value / result

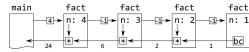
Recursion

Recursion a function called itself

Simple recursion

```
// fact(n) calculates the factorial of n.
int fact(int n) {
    if (n == 1) { // base condition
        return 1;
    } else { // recursive condition
        return n * fact(n - 1);
    }
}
```

By calling itself, the function builds up a recursive chain:



Accumulative:

```
int fact_worker(int n, int acc) { // worker function
    if (n == 1) { // base condition
        return acc; // return accumulator
    } else { // recursive condition
        return fact_worker(n - 1, // recursive call, with
                           n * acc); // recursive argument
    }
}

// fact(n) calculates the factorial of n.
int fact(int n) {
    return fact_worker(n, 1); // accumulator initialized with
} // base value
```

Assert

assert testing-harness assert(cond)

Intro to Imperative C

procedure Programming subtype of imperative paradigm
sequence of instructions executed

```
int main(void) {
    trace_int(1 + 1); // First, do this ...
    assert(3 > 2); // ... then do this ...
    return EXIT_SUCCESS; // ... and then do this.
}
```

Side effect occurs when the state of something changes
↳ some data at the moment

procedure uses side effect, function not

Type: Input/Output (I/O) or Mutation (memory modification / variables)

I/O

how program interact with real world

Input:	System output (Files, network, data)	Output	Visual (Screen)
	User input		Auditory (Sounds)
	Sensor input (camera, GPS...)		Tactile (Vibration)

printf() C function for printing out the text "\n" new line
C format string

Additional argument printf("... %d", 2+2) additional arg
 ^ output is int (placeholder)

output % → 2 %% backslash: "\\"

% beginning of a placeholder " " char " " string \ new char with meaning

Functions with side effects

Documenting Side Effects

The printf function has a side effect: it changes the output stream, i.e., the state of the system, **permanently** (and irrevocably). By calling printf, the function noisy_sqr inherits its side effect.

```
// noisy_sqr(n) squares n and writes a confirmation to output.
// effects: produces output
int noisy_sqr(int n) {
    printf("I'm squaring %d\n", n);
    return n * n;
}
```

Clearly communicate such a side effect in the effects-section!

trace/assert → not side effect

Functions with Side Effects: Terminology

```
int noisy_sqr(int n) {
    printf("I'm squaring %d\n", n);
    return n * n;
}

int main(void) {
    trace_int(noisy_sqr(7));
}
```

For noisy_sqr, you should say: if you pass 7 to noisy_sqr, it outputs a message and returns 49.

void function returns nothing

Variable

System State storing info in memory, associating with an identifier

Variables store mutable state info

need type (int ...), the identifier (name), initial value
=, ; complete the syntax

Mutation change the value of a variable
is a side effect

$$m = \boxed{m} + 1;$$

Assignment operator: LHS \rightarrow name RHS \rightarrow expression

Not symmetric: $y = x$ $x = y$

int n = 5; // initialization syntax

n = 6; // assignment operator

Note: Always initialize although it is ok to not

$+ =$, $* =$, $/ =$, $- =$, $\% =$, $++$, $--$, ($++t$, $t++$ are different)

Const use when appropriate

Stores data that is immutable

Global Data defined outside functions Local Data defined within the function

Data Scope region of code where it is "accessible" or "visible"

For global data, the scope is anywhere **below** its definition.

Local data has **block scope**. Its scope extends from its definition to the end of the block it is defined in.

```
int main(void) {  
    printf("%d\n", course);  
}  
  
int course = 136;  
  
> use of undeclared identifier 'course'
```

```
int foo(int n) {  
    // ...  
    int a = 42;  
    // ...  
    if (n > 0) { // beginning of the block where b is defined  
        // ...  
        int b = 136; // b is defined  
        // ...  
    } // end of the block where b is defined  
    // ...
```

Note: mutate global variable is a side effect, but local is not (pure) (and param)
(impure)

I/O

read_int() read next integer or READ_INT_FAIL

↳ next integer could not successfully read

↳ end of input

read from stdin window

once the value is read \rightarrow not read again

.in .. expect testing files

↳ input file \rightarrow expected -output files

Text Input: Reading Input

We can use a recursive approach to read all integers from input.

```
// read_all_int() reads all integers from input and ...  
void read_all_int(void) {  
    int input = read_int();  
    if (input == READ_INT_FAIL) { // base condition  
        return;  
    } else { // recursive condition  
        // do something with input  
        read_all_int();  
        // do something with input  
    }  
}
```

C Control Flow and Memory

Control Flow

Control flow model how programs are executed

In hardware, the location (register) is known as the **program counter** or **instruction pointer** and contains the memory address of the current instruction.

ZMM0	YMM0	XMM0	ZMM1	YMM1	XMM1	ST10(MMM)	ST11(MMM)	CL(AAX/RAX)	RD	R10	R11	R12	CRO	CR4
ZMM2	YMM2	XMM2	ZMM3	YMM3	XMM3	ST12(MMM)	ST13(MMM)	CL(BBX/RBX)	RD	R13	R14	R15	CR1	CR5
ZMM4	YMM4	XMM4	ZMM5	YMM5	XMM5	ST14(MMM)	ST15(MMM)	CL(CCX/RCX)	RD	R16	R17	R18	CR2	CR6
ZMM6	YMM6	XMM6	ZMM7	YMM7	XMM7	ST16(MMM)	ST17(MMM)	CL(DDX/RDX)	RD	R19	R20	R21	CR3	CR7
ZMM8	YMM8	XMM8	ZMM9	YMM9	XMM9	ST18(MMM)	ST19(MMM)	CL(EFX/RFX)	RD	R22	R23	R24	CR8	CR9
ZMM10	YMM10	XMM10	ZMM11	YMM11	XMM11	CF	FP,IP,FP,DP,FP,C5	SW	BP,BP,BP	CL(GED,REG)	RD	EH,RDF	CR3	CR8
ZMM11	YMM12	XMM12	ZMM13	YMM13	XMM13	SW	ST1,ST2,RS1,RS2,RS3,RS4	TP	SE,SE,SE	MSW	CR9	CR10	CR11	CR12
ZMM14	YMM14	XMM14	ZMM15	YMM15	XMM15	TW	8-bit register	32-bit register	80-bit register	256-bit register	CR11	CR12	CR13	CR14
ZMM15	YMM16	XMM16	ZMM17	YMM17	XMM17	TP	16-bit register	64-bit register	128-bit register	512-bit register	CR11	CR12	CR13	CR14
ZMM16	YMM18	XMM18	ZMM19	YMM19	XMM19	FP,DS	FP,OPC,FP,DP,FP,IP	CS,SS,DS	GOTW,ITDR	DR1	DR7	CR14	CR15	CR16
ZMM17	YMM20	XMM20	ZMM21	YMM21	XMM21	FP,DS	FP,OPC,FP,DP,FP,IP	ES,FS,GS	TR,LDTR	DR2	DR8	CR15,MXCSR	DR3	DR9
ZMM18	YMM22	XMM22	ZMM23	YMM23	XMM23	FP,DS	FP,OPC,FP,DP,FP,IP	ES,FS,GS	TR,LDTR	DR4	DR10	DR12,DR14	DR5	DR11,DR13,DR15

(More on this in CS 241).

Type: Function calls ①

Conditions ②

Iterations ③

① When the function is called, the program location "Jumps" to the start
returns → back to caller

Function Calls: Return

The control flow statement **return** changes the program location to go back to the most recent calling function: the control flow returns from the *callee* back to the *caller*.

②

The syntax of **if** is:

```
if (predicate)
    statement
```

where the **statement** is only executed if the **predicate** evaluates to true:

```
if (n < 0) {
    printf("n is less than zero\n");
}
```

Remember: the **if** statement does not yield a value. It only controls the flow of execution.

Statement may/may not be executed
only one will be executed (or stmt none)

③ 1. While loop **while (predicate)**

Statement / compound statement

Loop can be nested

2. do-while

```
do {
    compound_statement
} while (predicate);
```

Statement is always executed at least once

break jumps out the innermost loop

continue skips over the rest and continues with the loop

3. for Loop

```
for (setup statement; predicate; update statement) {  
    body statement  
}
```

Memory

one bit 0 / 1 byte 8 bits, smallest accessible unit of memory
address position in memory

Structure of Memory: Defining Variables

addr	data (1 byte)
0x00	136
0x01	255
0x02	42
0x03	94
0x04	33
...	...
0xFE	127
0xFF	192

Whenever a variable is defined, C

- reserves sufficient space in memory to store the variable,
- associates the location (i.e., address) of that space with the identifier,
- writes the initial value of the variable to that location (i.e., address).

size of yields the number of bytes required to store a type (operators)

Integer limit Int_min, Int_max

Integer Overflow exceeds limits

Additional Type

char store single characters (integer value based on ASCII)

' syntax for char

%c printf placeholder for char

Input: read_char (READ/IGNORE_ whitespace)

Invisible	Punct.	Digits	Punct.	Upper-case Letters	Punct.	Lower-case Letters	Punct.
0 \o	32 ~	48 0	58 :	65 A	78 N	91 [97 a
	33 !	49 1	59 ;	66 B	79 O	92 \	98 b
	34 "	50 2	60 <	67 C	80 P	93]	99 c
	35 #	51 3	61 =	68 D	81 Q	94 ^	100 d
	36 \$	52 4	62 >	69 E	82 R	95 _	101 e
	37 %	53 5	63 ?	70 F	83 S	96 `	102 f
	38 &	54 6	64 @	71 G	84 T	103 g	116 t
	39 ^	55 7		72 H	85 U	104 h	117 u
	40 (56 8		73 I	86 V	105 i	118 v
	41)	57 9		74 J	87 W	106 j	119 w
10 \n	42 *			75 K	88 X	107 k	120 x
	43 +			76 L	89 Y	108 l	121 y
	44 ,			77 M	90 Z	109 m	122 z
	45 -						
	46 .						
	47 /						

Float (floating point #)

represent real number

%f float placeholder

name

```
struct posn { // name of the structure  
    int x;  
    int y;  
}; // closing semicolon
```

don't forget

Structures

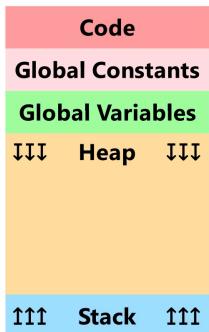
Initialization -

```
struct posn p = { .y = 4, .x = 3};
```

- field access operator $p.x \Rightarrow 3$ $p.y \Rightarrow 4$

printf: access all fields one by one, not the structure itself

Sections of Memory



← code in text-editor (convert to machine code then compile)
← available throughout the entire execution of the program
← all stack frames

Intro to Pointers

Pointer Basics

Address Operator

Pointer types

Address Operator

```
int val = 136;
printf("Value of val: %d\n", val);
printf("Address of val: %p\n", &val);
```

id	typ	addr	data (4 bytes)
val	int	0xC0	136
	
	
	
	

The printf placeholder to display an address (in hex) is %p.

A pointer is defined by placing a star * after the type. The * is part of the type syntax, not the identifier.

```
int val = 136;
int *pval = &val; // the pointer pval "points at" val
```

The type of pval is of type int-pointer which is written as int *.

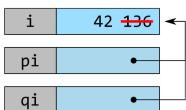
For each type (e.g., int, char, struct posn) there is a corresponding pointer type (e.g., int *, char *, struct posn *)

↳ **dereference operator**

aliasing multiple pointers to the same data

```
int i = 136;
int *pi = &i;
trace_int(i);
trace_int(*pi);

int *qi = &i; // same as: int *qi = pi;
*qi = 42; // *qi => i
trace_int(i);
```



Pointer type parameter

Pass by value:

```
int inc(int x) {  
    return x + 1;  
}  
  
int main(void) {  
    int x = 5;  
    trace_int(x);  
    x = inc(x);  
    trace_int(x);  
}
```

In the **pass by value** version, a **copy of an argument** is passed to a function. In the **pass by reference** version, a **reference (pointer)** to the stack-frame of the caller function is passed.

Pass by reference: → allows a function to write into the stack frame

```
void inc(int *px) {  
    *px += 1;  
}  
  
int main(void) {  
    int x = 5;  
    trace_int(x);  
    inc(&x);  
    trace_int(x);  
}
```

of the caller

Passing the address of x mutates the value of x

Returning an Address

```
1. int *bad_idea(int n) {  
2.     return &n;  
3. }  
4.  
5. int main(void) {  
6.     int *ptr = bad_idea(136);  
7.     trace_ptr(ptr);  
8.     trace_int(*ptr);  
9. }
```

=====

bad_idea+
n: 136 [addr_1]
r/a: main+6

main:
ptr: addr_1
r/a: 05
=====

> ptr => 0xD0
> Error: stack-use-after-return

scanf("%d", &input) reads int, stores in input

ignores whitespace

scanf(" %c", &input) reads char, with whitespace

scanf("%c", &input) ignore whitespace

Structure Type

PASSING STRUCTURE

Note:

```
int *find_min(int *a, int len) {  
    int *cur_min = a; ↳ since input is already a pointer  
  
    for (int *i = a; i < a + len; ++i) {  
        if (*i <= *cur_min) {  
            cur_min = i; ↳ cur_min = its current location  
        }  
    }  
  
    return cur_min; ↳ return its location  
}
```

```
void selection_sort_descending(int a[], int len) {  
    for (int i = len - 1; i >= 0; --i) {  
        int temp = a[i];  
        int *min = find_min(a, i);  
        a[i] = *min; = a[i] (location to min)  
        *min = temp;  
    }  
}
```

$$a[i] = *$$

void reverse_arr_idx (int *arr, int len) {

$$arr[5] = \{2, 4, 6, 0, 1\}$$

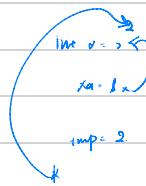
$$xp = \&arr[4] \quad p = 4 \quad q = 2$$

$$xq = \&arr[1]$$

$$*i = &a = 2.$$

$$temp = *i = 2.$$

$$arr[0] = *(a + len - 2)$$



Modules

Modularizations

3 advantages: reusability, maintainability, abstraction

Reusability re-used by clients

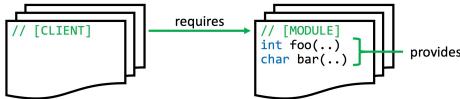
Abstraction understand functionalities, not implementation

Maintainability only have to fix bugs in module

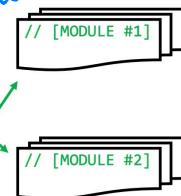
large program can be built from many modules

Terminology

It is helpful to think of a "client" that requires the functions that a module provides.



In practice, the client is a file that may be written by yourself, a co-worker, or someone else.

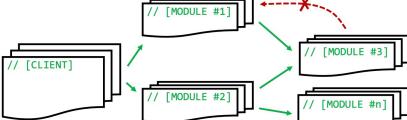


Terminology

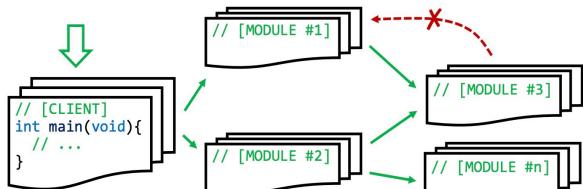
Large programs can be built from many modules.

A module can be a client itself and require functions from other modules.

The module dependency graph should not have any cycles.



There must be a "root" that acts as the client. This is the program file that contains the `main`-function (i.e., the program entry point) and is "run".



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Modules in C

Declaration introduces an identifier

Definition gives some content to an identifier (also contains declaration)

identifiers can be declared multiple times, but **defined once**

Extern optional for declaration

Definition

A function **declaration** (or function prototype) consists of the **extern** keyword followed by **signature** of the function.

```
extern int math_sqrt(int n);
```

consists of the signature and body

Declaring and Defining Global Data

A global data (global variable or global constant) *declaration* consists of the `extern` keyword, the type, and the identifier.

```
extern const int PI;  
extern int global_variable;
```

A global data *definition* consists of the type, the identifier, and the initializer. **extern is optional**

```
const int PI = 3;  
int global_variable = -1;
```

Declaring and Defining Structures

A structure declaration consists of the `struct` keyword and the name (*incomplete declaration*), or the `struct` keyword, the name and the field declarations (*complete declaration*).

```
struct posn;  
  
struct posn {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};
```

A structure definition consists of the `struct` keyword, the name, the identifier, and the initializer.

```
struct posn my_pos = {3, 4};  
struct posn my_other_pos = {.x = 3, .y = 4};
```

We cannot use structures with incomplete declarations until we learn about using heap memory (Section 10).

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.h extension only module extensions, documentation (header file)

```
// cs136-math.h  
  
// PI: the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter  
extern const int PI;  
  
// math_sqrt(n) returns the square root of n, rounded  
// towards 0.  
// requires: n must be non-negative  
int math_sqrt(int n);
```

The header-file provides the *interface* of the module.

.C extension (source file) contains module definition

Note:

identifier must declared before use

Standard Modules ↲ for standard, " " for non-standard

Black-box test client White-box test client

For each module you design, it is good practice to create a *test client* that ensures the provided functions are correct.

```
// cs136-math-test.c: testing client for the cs136-math module  
#include <cs136-math.h>  
  
int main(void) {  
    assert(math_sqrt(0) == 0);  
    assert(math_sqrt(1) == 1);  
    assert(math_sqrt(4) == 2);  
    assert(math_sqrt(8) == 2);  
    assert(math_sqrt(9) == 3);  
    assert(math_sqrt(99999) == 316);  
    assert(math_sqrt(999999) == 999);  
    assert(math_sqrt(1000000) == 1000);  
}
```

Do NOT add a main function to your implementation (e.g., cs136-math.c). Create a new test client with a main function.

There may be internal functionality that (external) black-box test clients cannot test. These may include implementation-specific tests and tests for module-scope functions.

In these circumstances, you can provide a `test_module_name` function within your module that tests all internal functionality of your module.

Interface vs Implementation

↳ .h file

↳ .c file

• information hiding secure and flexible

↳ allows changes without affecting client

↳ prevents clients from direct access to the data

Opaque Structure in C

The level of information hiding can be further increased by providing only incomplete declarations for structures.

```
struct posn;           struct posn {  
                      int x;  
                      int y;  
};
```

only pointers to an opaque structure
is defined

```
struct posn my_posn; // INVALID  
struct posn *my_posn_ptr; // VALID
```

When providing an incomplete structure declaration, clients have no information about or access to the structure's fields.

Transparent Structure all defined in C

Abstract Data Types provides certain behaviour when storing data

As the client, if you have a data structure, you know how the data is structured and you can access the data directly in any manner you desire.

With an ADT, the client does not know how the data is structured and can only access the data through the interface provided by the ADT.

Collections ADT store an arbitrary amount of data

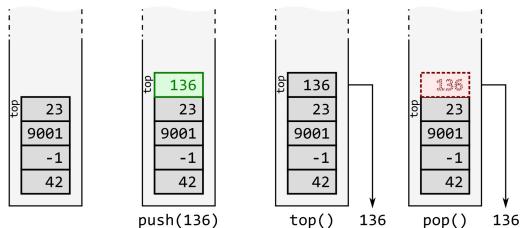
Stacks, Queues, Lists/Sequences Trees Graphs Sets

Stack ADT items are pushed onto the top of stack
popped off the top exists (last in, first out)

operation

Typical stack ADT operations:

- push: adds an item to the top of the stack
- top: returns the item at the top of the stack
- pop: removes the item from the top of the stack and returns it
- empty?: determines if the stack is empty or not



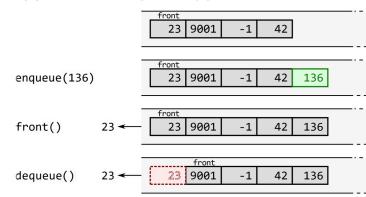
Queue ADT

A queue is like a lineup at your favourite beverage vendor. In a queue ADT, new items are added to the back of the line, and items are removed from the front of the line. While a stack exhibits LIFO behaviour, a queue exhibits FIFO behaviour (first in, first out).



Typical queue ADT operations:

- enqueue: adds an item to the end of the queue
- front: returns the item at the front of the queue
- dequeue: removes the item from the front of the queue and returns it
- empty?: determines if the queue is empty or not

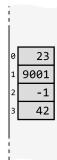


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Sequence ADT

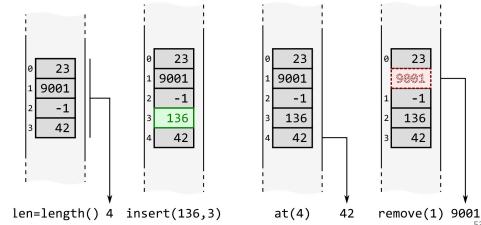
The sequence ADT is useful when you want to be able to insert, retrieve, or delete items at an arbitrary position.

The insert-at and remove-at operations change the position of items after the insertion / removal position.



Typical sequence ADT operations:

- length: return the number of items in the sequence
- insert: inserts a new item at a given position
- at: returns the item at a given position
- remove: removes an item at a given position and returns it



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Efficiency

Algorithm step by step description of how to solve a "problem"

Time efficiency most common way to measure efficiency

Space efficiency spaces/ memory required to solve Power efficiency power consumption

Big O Notation

$O(1)$ → constant term

$O(n)$ → linear term

$O(n^2)$ → for loop (for loop)

$O(\log n)$ → a value that is * or / to reduce process

$O(n \log n)$ n times $\log(n)$

$O(n^3)$ $O(n \cdot O(n \cdot O(n))$ $O(c^n)$ function called multiple time .

Module 9: Dynamic Memory and ADT in C

Heap final section in C memory model

- ↳ borrow a block of memory from the heap, `malloc` function
 - ↳ memory allocation
- ↳ free memory → give back the memory

`p = malloc(size)` reserves `size` bytes of memory; `p` points at it.

Memory leak not free memory

suffer degraded performance → crash

- ↳ free or document the effect [caller must free]

Size of data type: use `sizeof`

To create an array of 100 `int` values, you should write:

```
int *my_array = malloc(100 * sizeof(int));
```

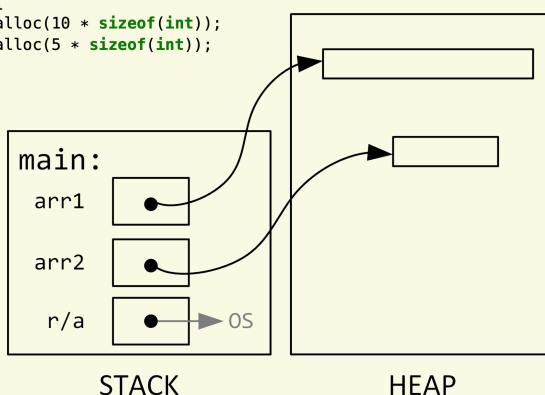
The declaration for the `malloc` function is:

```
void *malloc(size_t s);
```

The return type is a (`void *`) (`void pointer`).
This is a special pointer that can point at *any* type.

```
int *my_array = malloc(10 * sizeof(int));
struct posn *my_posn = malloc(sizeof(struct posn));
```

```
int main(void) {
    int *arr1 = malloc(10 * sizeof(int));
    int *arr2 = malloc(5 * sizeof(int));
    //...
}
```



malloc (continue) unsuccessful returns NULL
↳ heap → uninitialized
once free → not able to write or read

Dynamic size of the memory to be allocated can be determined at runtime
Resizable Allocated memory can be resized

Scope Allocated memory persists until it is "freed"
A function can allocate memory that continues to be valid after the function returns.

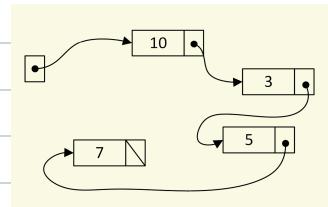
System managed Stack memory is managed by the system (stack frame)

Merge-Sort Sort the array by splitting into halves until reaching the base case, and sort.
efficiency: $O(n \log n)$

Module 10 linked list

Sentinel value the link in the last node (NULL)

linked list not arranged sequentially in mem
only traverse them from front
free all nodes



imperative vs function imp performs mutation, function produces new value.
List shall not share nodes

wrapper approach cleaner function interfaces
reduced need for double pointers
reinforces the imperative paradigm
less susceptible to misuse and list corruptions
Ex) List

node augmentation strategy include additional info

dictionary key, value

priority queue store priority of the item

Generic Algorithm

Generic ADT does not know the type of the items

does not have any information

can not perform action